

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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Report for the month of NOVEMBER, 1946.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1946 was estimated to be 494,080 comprising 255,526 males and 238,554 females.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Note: - Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

		OCTOBER		10 Months ended OCTOBER	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Marriages	... No.	478	326	4,255	3,100
"	... *Rate per 1,000 of population	11.34	7.82	10.33	7.61
Births	... No.	1,315	1,002	9,596	9,171
"	... *Rate per 1,000 of population	31.19	24.03	23.30	22.51
Deaths	... No.	416	441	4,048	3,960
"	*Rate per 1,000 of population	9.87	10.58	9.83	9.72
Infant Mortality	No.	33	26	314	267
"	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	25.10	25.95	32.72	29.11
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -					
Tuberculosis		8	14	150	137
Cancer		46	56	457	483
Influenza		-	2	14	9
Diphtheria		1	2	11	17
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		37	36	336	370
Arteriosclerosis		24	17	151	149
Diseases of the Heart		112	127	1,114	1,112
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia		33	35	283	234
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		-	3	24	40
Nephritis		15	24	144	169
Diseases of Early Infancy		18	16	165	152
Senility		14	16	108	127
Accidents		21	20	252	212
All Other Causes		87	73	839	749
TOTAL		416	441	4,048	3,960

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under additional alienation during the eleven months ended November totalled 286,115 acres, an increase of 73,521 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,448,506 acres, an increase of 52,258 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of NOVEMBER		5 Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	890,429	1,026,521	5,317,555	5,118,725
Revenue per Head of Population	£1.15.10d.	£2.1.9d.	£10.14.6d.	£10.8.8d.
Expenditure	1,161,459	1,167,746	5,947,650	5,821,387
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.6. 9d.	£2.7.6d.	£11.19.11d.	£11.17.3d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th November amounted to £37,393,109, or £75.2.11d. per head of population, as against £33,844,883, or £68.17.0d. per head as at the 30th November, last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 25th November, 1946, amounted to £3,494,412, compared with £3,195,276 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	NOVEMBER		5 Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Transfers ... (No. £)	1,364 702,903	1,200 438,988	8,185 4,102,333	5,192 2,206,560
Mortgages ... (No. £)	784 722,282	490 352,257	4,664 3,959,678	1,920 1,734,547
Discharges of Mortgages No.	759	599	4,254	2,976

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
45 - November	896,541,895,541	840,276	1,671,491	133,311
December	342,650	565,516	644,750	56,462
46 - January	1,510,643	1,062,887	2,830,201	236,000
February	931,232	764,293	1,503,464	144,395
March	976,682	778,005	1,733,304	143,435
April	915,207	871,315	1,641,961	141,175
May	1,162,813	932,276	1,995,413	168,832
June	1,129,462	985,112	1,556,333	158,664
July	1,017,708	731,534	2,054,818	142,235
August	734,719	824,237	1,483,285	164,837
September	1,086,352	1,298,683	2,006,343	163,108
October	1,335,348	1,012,132	2,018,926	200,216
November	1,226,307	1,002,723	1,727,609	186,457

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

40 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £473,500, and 26 Foreign Companies were registered during the five months ended 30th November, 1946. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 19 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £533,000 and 13 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Five Months ended NOVEMBER.					
	1946			1945		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	8	7,439	2,412	8	16,281	6,259
Deeds of Assignment (a)	3	6,366	4,612	1	2,025	230
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Gross Earnings £	391,900	368,200	1,402,000	1,329,700
Working Expenses £	380,524	359,348	1,459,617	1,322,249
Train Miles Run	600,029	535,102	2,299,624	2,035,561
Passenger Journeys	1,256,521	1,407,167	4,973,939	5,562,867
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	198,183	203,822	769,694	789,773
Livestock	19,458	18,162	58,490	47,301
Departmental (Free Freight)	47,679	39,494	196,409	151,670
Total	265,320	261,478	1,024,593	988,744
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	27,030,632	25,578,638	106,050,536	101,026,704
Livestock	2,250,420	2,265,948	7,447,537	5,518,128
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,782,968	5,647,711	31,921,676	21,705,504
Total	37,064,020	33,492,297	145,419,749	128,250,336

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year -	32	218	8	107	39	475	9	174
1945								
1946 -								
Jan.	8	13	-	27	8	24	-	35
Feb.	11	24	-	41	11	38	-	45
March	9	19	-	37	9	51	-	42
April	17	25	-	30	18	49	1	33
May	22	49	-	44	27	98	2	45
June	8	16	-	19	9	25	-	19
July	38	30	-	36	38	62	-	51
August	45	27	2	37	46	53	2	47
Sept.	61	27	2	35	75	69	3	45
Oct.	106	44	2	37	128	96	2	48
Nov.	83	22	2	37	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945 -								
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
1946 -								
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
July	18,534	*7,590	80	3,912	29,679	*26,077	144	5,944
August	19,029	*8,411	204	4,289	30,668	*28,279	270	6,565
Sept.	19,128	*8,504	235	4,353	30,900	28,820	302	6,747
Oct.	19,415	8,687	238	4,545	31,195	29,310	312	7,052
Nov.	19,612	8,845	240	4,665	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available. * Revised.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1946 - November	87	389	5	3

TRADE.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) - October, 1946 and 1945
and 4 months ended October, 1946 and 1945 - expressed in terms of Australian currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER		OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Overseas	896	427	2,848	1,698	1,909	810	7,336	4,349
Interstate	1,885	1,331	7,017	5,244	246	1,062	1,196	3,193
Total	2,781	1,758	9,865	6,942	2,155	1,872	8,532	7,542

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued.	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
ov., 1946	*163	*179,728	11	4,473	229	23,190	*403	*207,391
ov., 1945	86	71,996	6	6,506	193	17,011	285	95,513
Months ended								
ov., 1946	895	972,447	56	57,097	1,203	138,012	2,154	1,167,556
Months ended								
ov., 1945	478	375,539	14	15,043	974	129,769	1,466	520,351

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 80 for a value of £83,216.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS. (15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued.	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
ov., 1946	19	12,622	3	986	41	3,184	63	16,792
ov., 1945	20	14,736	1	100	38	3,021	59	17,857
Months ended								
ov., 1946	134	110,630	21	8,729	226	22,621	381	141,980
Months ended								
ov., 1945	69	52,649	9	3,407	151	11,137	229	67,193

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,250,903 lbs. were produced during October, and 6,674,551 lbs. for the four months ended October, 1946, as against 2,173,089 lbs. and 6,320,366 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		NOVEMBER		11 Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Quantity Fine Oz.	55,167	41,590	555,827	430,789
Value (Australian Currency) £		592,732	447,887	5,971,107	4,604,148

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eleven months ended November, 1946 amounted to £393,838, as against £379,104 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	NOVEMBER		5 Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Food and Groceries :-				
Metropolitan Area	1052	1061	1055	1050
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1183	1193	1187	1182
Northam	1066	1070	1070	1058
Bunbury	1050	1044	1053	1033
Geraldton	1076	1084	1079	1073
Collie	1068	1069	1069	1072

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1942	1943	1944	1945(a)	1946(a)	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	116	128	137	142	146	1014	865	826	870	995
February	118	130	138	142	148	986	861	824	868	1016
March	118	132	139	144	152	962	846	825	877	1045
April	118	134	139	144	153	955	835	827	876	1051
May	119	131	140	144	155	927	836	832	891	1069
June	118	135	139	145	157	907	835	829	903	1087
July	117	136	140	145(a)	159	888	828	832	899	1096
August	119	136	140	144	160	882	814	832	897	1109
Sept.	120	137	140	141	161	877	806	834	914	1114
October	122	138	140	141	164	874	801	837	929	1118
November	123	136	141	144		873	814	851	965	
December	124	137	142	144		886	840	886	1012	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1945 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA. (Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	NOVEMBER		5 Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	9,262	15,109	80,954	77,586
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	8,258	12,824	68,761	66,180

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
November, 1946.	4,458	266	129,470	11,911
November, 1945.	4,673	457	118,609	16,801
11 Months ended November, 1946.	84,253	3,738	895,074	147,083
11 Months ended November, 1945.	63,116	3,526	819,531	151,199